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TRUSTEES' MEETING

The proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico last Thursday night were of purely formal character and consisted of the adoption of Resolutions 82 and 83 which appear elsewhere in this paper.

After an executive session of a few minutes, the Board adjourned.

FURTHER AND FINALLY

The Tropico Water Company is entitled to a fair return on its actual investment in the business of supplying the city and inhabitants of Tropico with water. No question about that. The matters about which there is question are: What that investment is; whether it is in what the company claims it is; what the reasonable value is of the property its capital is really invested in; and if the return upon it allowed by the City's rate-fixing ordinance is in fact and law, confiscatory.

It is held by the Courts to be "self-evident that there is no more material question of fact in an investigation of this character, than that of the present reasonable value of the property devoted to the public use," belonging to the company.

A stock and property account in detail is therefore an essential to a full and fair investigation in this case.

A manager's off-hand guess is not sufficient. An inventory and an expert appraisement must be forthcoming.

What is the investment upon which the company should be allowed to earn an annual dividend? Is it represented wholly by its shares of capital stock? Five thousand shares of $5.00 each, $25,000? If so would a six per cent return on it over and above operating expenses be considered confiscatory?

It is the belief of many who have somewhat intimate knowledge of the company's affairs that its shares of stock does not fall far short of covering and representing at its par value the full value and amount of all its investments.

The statement of the Company's manager that it has an investment in pipes and meters in the sum of $39,700.05, cannot possibly be true.

Six thousand dollars will cover every cent of the company's investment in the pipes of the company's distributing system, and that is covered and represented by its shares of stock. It has never made a pipe extension, put in a fitting or set a meter that has not been at the individual cost and expense, meter and all, of the property owner, or consumer, or that is in any sense an investment by the company as a company, upon which it is entitled to a return in any amount whatever. The item of $39,700.05 should not, therefore be included in the statement or inventory of its investments.

As a matter of course the company is entitled to a full return for its necessary operating expenses, including current expenses and taxes. What these amounted to in 1911 is yet to be ascertained. It is not disclosed by the manager's statement. It is believed by those familiar with the facts that $5,000 covers the entire outlay of the company under those heads including the operation of the pumping plant for irrigation on the Richardson Tract in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

Our summary in conclusion is that the revenue of the company in the year 1911, was at least as much as reported, $11,067.75. That its operating expenses, including current expenses and taxes did not exceed $5,000; that a fair return on its investment, covered or represented by its shares of capital stock, $25,000, is six per cent thereof, or $1,500, to be divided among its stockholders, thus leaving the sum of $4,567.75, to say nothing of the proceeds of the sale of the company's surplus of Verdugo Canyon water, of $45,000, or more, to enrich a ring of Los Angeles money grabbers.

The case comes up for hearing as we go to press, on a motion, as we understand the matter, to set aside and vacate the order to show cause why the city should not be restrained from enforcing the $1.25 rate, on the ground that the complaint does not show why it should be.

Case continued to August 5.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

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S. G. Biddle, manager of the O. K. Market, will leave for Zion City, Ill., Sept. 2, to visit his mother.

Mrs. J. R. Biddle and Miss Myrtle Harrison are planning to spend their vacation at Avalon in August.

MACDONALD'S EXPRESS TRANSFER AND STORAGE, 1111 W. BROADWAY, GLENDALE.

Complaint is often made of so many dogs in the business streets of Tropico. Wonder if they all pay taxes?

Street Superintendent Fishback, though still weak, was able to pay a brief visit to his office yesterday.

HAVE THE SENTINEL SENT TO YOU AT YOUR VACATION ADDRESS. NO EXTRA CHARGE.

Tropico will consider buying out the Tropico Water Company when it finds out what it has got to sell.

The tract office of the new subdivision in the Richardson Ranch is ready for business.

Miss Gertrude Potter of Central avenue left for Catalina Saturday for a month's sojourn on the island.

Mrs. Lewis Hoffman is spending the week in Ocean Park as the guest of Mrs. Hettie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gregory who have been enjoying a few weeks pleasant visit at Lelitер, Inyo County have returned home.

Miss Tracey Meyer and sister of Pasadena are the house guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peters of Columbus street.

Mrs. Leonora Miller and daughter, Miss Marcella Miller, will pass a fortnight as the house guests of Mrs. Will Dawes at Long Beach.

Mrs. C. J. Kennedy of Los Angeles visited with Mrs. J. R. Biddle, 121 E. Cypress St., Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Geo. Howe is getting along nicely with the petition for electric lights and the bond election will no doubt be called shortly.

For several days, a week ago, the people of Glendale did not have water enough to wet their whistles, much less their flower beds with.

Glendale is figuring on the limit to which it can go for severing itself from the tentacles of a big water leech.

Manager Ralph Rogers of the Glendale Consolidated recommends that the Cities of Tropico and Glendale buy him out. Good idea.

Mrs. William J. Hampton of Honolulu, who was a recent guest for a few days of Mrs. Bancroft, 233 Cerritos Avenue, has left on her return home.

After a two months visit with relatives and friends "back east," Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Nofziger are again in their cozy home on Mountain View avenue.

Mr. E. J. Kincaid and sister, Mrs. Margret Olieve of Los Angeles were the over Sunday guests of their sister, Mrs. J. E. Shuey of Columbus street.

Mrs. David H. Imler left for Imperial Valley Sunday morning where she will spend a few weeks with Mr. Imler, Eugene and Marjorie at their ranch, La Verne.

Some time ago a petition was circulated, signed and presented to the Board of Trustees, asking that San Fernando Road be kept clean. What has become of it?

Mrs. Tunison is about to start a laundry, for rough dry, fine hand work, lace curtains, etc., at her home, 130 North Glendale Avenue. She deserves your patronage.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Custer of Los Angeles, who were the over Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Pollock, motored to Newhall with their host, hostess and Master Allen Pollock as their guests.

The Tropico Board of Trustees will receive applications for the position of Building Inspector. Applicants should be competent for the inspection of plumbing, electric wireing and all classes of work that go into building construction.

Saturday night there was a collision between a big fruit wagon and a motorcycle being ridden by Copderville and Bittle. The only damage done was to the motorcycle and the boys were badly shaken up.

Mrs. M. G. Coughlan, corner Gardena and Cerritos, who is ill at the Clara Barton Hospital, is recovering nicely and will probably be able to return home in a few days.

Mr. H. E. Sharp, of Eulalia Street, has been taking a vacation for the past couple of weeks. His chief occupation has been that of making the acquaintance of a little Sharp that arrived quite recently.

Mrs. John S. Lawyer escorted her house guests, Mrs. W. R. Fearn, Miss Lucy Fearn and Mrs. Ida Quinn of Camden, New Jersey, over the renowned Mt. Lowe scenic route on Saturday last.

Mr. H. D. Cross, of Mira Loma, whose appendicitis operation came near proving fatal, seems to be past the danger point. He will be more than glad to exchange his room at the Columbia Hospital for his cozy bungalow in Tropico.

The Tropico Water Company does not hesitate to declare its inability to provide the City with an adequate water service and its readiness to turn its property and its business over to the City at a fair valuation, on an inventory and appraisement.

Mr. J. M. Lampert of Glendale has announced himself as a candidate for the assembly. Mr. Lampert is well known in Tropico as a frequent visitor to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, of which organization he is an enthusiastic member.

Mrs. Mattie Kendall and Miss Rebecca Ludwick of Pittsburg, Penn., terminated a delightful visit of several weeks, as the guests of Mrs. Anna Smith, of "Quinta Ana," when they left for their homes in the Smoky City, Friday.

FOR SALE—Bungalow residences on the Richardson Tract, Tropico. Nine of them to pick from. All stylish, modern, and up to date in appointments. Prices $2750 to $3750; $200 to $500 down; $25 to $35 per month. M. G. Coughlan, agent, corner Cerritos and Gardena avenues.

Mrs. Stebbins Wells, the policewoman of Los Angeles, will speak to the girls of Tropico at the Presbyterian Church, July 28, 2:30 p. m. She comes at the request of the Philathea girls. All ladies and girls invited.

Mrs. John S. Lawyer of Mountain View Avenue, was given a very happy surprise visit in the early part of last week by Mrs. William Fearn and daughter and Mrs. Ida F. Quinn, of Camden, New Jersey. Mrs. Quinn is Mrs. Lawyer's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hibbert left for their former home in Trenton, New Jersey, the latter part of the week, where they will pass the remainder of the summer visiting relatives, friends and many places of interest in the "old home" town.

Dr. and Mrs. George Bahrenburg of Bakersfield who have been enjoying a delightful motor trip throughout Southern California are the guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Bahrenburg at "Twin Pines."

A branch of the Eagle Rock "Yellow Car" line, to parallel the Southern Pacific right of way from the old city limits of Los Angeles at Hartley Taylor's, to Tropico's industrial section and on to West Glendale would pay from the start, to say nothing of supplying a great public need.

The idea of a reservoir near the top of Erskine's hill, at the east end of Cypress street extended, for the storage of water from Verdugo Canyon by gravity flow, was broached to the company a number of years ago. The site for it was acquired by the company from Mr. Griswold a few years since, but the company has never been in a condition to do anything with it. In case the affairs of the company pass into municipal management and control this project will no doubt be the first to receive attention. It offers the best solution possible of a pressure and fire protection system.

Chas. E. Moser is again in charge of the operating department of the Tropico Water Company. From his long experience in that capacity in former times and his well known capabilities in the management of the company's interests it is expected that much of the kicker's occupation will be gone from now on.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar Fry of Cerritos Avenue left yesterday for a month at Coronado Beach, San Diego. Mrs. Fry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bancroft, do not find it necessary to leave Tropico in order to have a restful vacation. For several weeks they have been enjoying tent life under a big pepper tree in their back yard.

Dr. Thompson, of Burbank, reports the appearance in that vicinity of the disease among children known as infantile paralysis, and recommends that precautionary measures be taken against its spread in Tropico and Glendale. Dr. Thompson is health officer for Burbank, and in the absence of Dr. Tholen, is in charge of the health office of Tropico.

The Street Superintendent of the City of Glendale is authorized to make an expenditure of $2020 in the repair of streets. The streets to be fixed are Second St. from Glendale Ave. to Brand; Glendale Ave. from First to Ninth; Broadway from Glendale to Central; Fifth St. from Adams to Central; and sixth St. from Central west.

Next Monday night Visor Lodge Knights of Pythias will celebrate their first anniversary. A fine program will be rendered. The Knights, Pythian Sisters and their friends are invited. The Lodge is near the hundred mark in membership and is one of the important factors in social life in the city. Refreshments will be served.

The Tropico Grammar School will open Monday, Steptember 16, with Mrs. Martha McClure, principal; Misses May Cornwell, Iva Hunter, Gertrude Bond, Emma Saxton, Letta Hibben and Mrs. Helen McCoy, teachers; Miss Lucie Bettannier, teacher of Sloyd and Kathryn Curry, domestic science; Mrs. Minnie Searle, janitress.

Fred R. Sinclair has been awarded the contract for the street work, grading, paving, curbing and sidewalking, of the new 80-acre subdivision in the Richardson Ranch just inside the Los Angeles City limits, adjoining Tropico on the Southwest, South of the Pacific Electric railway. We understand that the proprietor of this subdivision is a wealthy St. Louis gentleman, and that he is planning to make it the show home-site of all the great city's suburbs.

It is understood that the Board of Trustees of the City of Glendale at their regular session last night took the preliminary steps for an election to authorize the issue of bonds with which to acquire the water of the Verdugo Canyon and distributing system of the Independent Company from the Glendale Consolidated Company at $66,000. The proportion of the water of the Canyon to which the Independent is entitled is 763 ten-thousandths, or about 15 inches at its present flow.

Dwight Stephenson, recently graduated from the law department of the University of Southern California, has been appointed to a position in the office of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Los Angeles, initiative to the responsible duties of examiner of titles. We congratulate the young man on his choice of a line of advancement in a field of great usefulness and remuneration.

Mr. Lindsey, who was crushed to death under an auto car near Bixby last Tuesday, was formerly in the employ of the Los Angeles Water Department. He was learning to drive the car under the direction of an instructor, when he suddenly lost its control at the edge of a dangerously steep embankment, and down which it plunged and rolled, crushing and killing him almost instantly. The unfortunate victim of the accident was a brother-in-law of Tropico's City Marshal, J. W. Gould.

We heard it rumored that a protest against the payment of the warrant for the construction of the roadway of Glendale avenue, is to be made. On what specific grounds, we have not been able to learn. It is true that the class of work called for is expensive. Being a much traveled and important thoroughfare and the people on the line wanting the best, the best was called for by the specifications. Surely the protest is not because of the expense, for certainly every inch of the improvement will add more than the cost of it to the value of the abutting property. But the Board of Trustees will see to it that everybody has a "square deal."

Under the management and control of the Glendale Consolidated Water Company, is the water of Verdugo Canyon of: The Glassell Pipe Line, 607 shares; The Independent, 763 shares; a total of 1370 shares. Add to this the water of the Verdugo Springs Company, 666 shares and you have 2036 shares or a constant flow of 30 inches to 40 inches for the supply from the canyon upon which the City of Glendale must depend for its domestic and yard purposes. Thirty inches of water is sufficient for 2000 services per month with 1000 cubic feet each.

The annual picnic of N. P. Banks Post and Corps was held at Echo Park Wednesday when 100 or more of the patriotic men and women of this organization enjoyed a bountiful repast under the spreading branches of the grand old trees of the park. Post Commander C. R. Norton and Corps President Mrs. Mae Burlingham, presented a most interesting program. Rev. Van Horn of Chicago, a noted divine who served with honor and distinction during the Civil War; Col. A. B. Morrison, of N. P. Banks Post; Comrade Dillon of Los Angeles, Mrs. Margaret Brown of Los Angeles and Miss Hickman delivered patriotic talks.

The Eastsiders of Glendale are promised electric railway communication with Los Angeles by Paul Shoup of the Pacific Electric. A definite plan and route will be ready about August 1. To be in any way direct, the route for the line will be through some part of the East side of Tropico; perhaps on Glendale Ave., via Cerritos Ave., from its intersection with Brand. As an alternative to getting the Pacific Electric line, the Eastsiders propose assisting Mr. Ed. Good to the construction of a line to connect with the Eagle Rock yellow car line in Glassell Park, probably on Adams Street, and Adams Street extended through the hills east of Tropico.

Miss Alma Stone, of Brand Boulevard, who is soon to become the bride of Daniel Kelty, Jr., was honored Monday afternoon at a shower given by Misses Elsie and Ruth Gilhousen at their home on Brand boulevard. The afternoon was pleasantly passed in playing games and contests appropriate to the occasion. With the assistance of little Cupid, Miss Stone found the various gifts hidden around the room. Flowers and greenery made the rooms attractive. Those present were: Miss Lorraine Mitchell, Miss Marguerite Eddleman, Miss Vivian Tyler, Miss Bertha Hopkins, Miss Marian Beauait, Miss Ethel Chase and Miss Claire Glenn.

INFANTILE SPINAL PARALYSIS

This disease occurs most frequently in the first three years of life, no age however is exempt as cases have occurred in adults. The principal manifestations of the disease are fever, partial or complete loss of muscular power and rapid wasting of the affected muscles.

While the definite cause is still somewhat obscure the results are as follows: The specific poison attacks the nerves controlling the blood supply in those parts of the spinal cord that furnish motive power to the affected muscles, later attacking the nutriment cells and causing the parts to waste.

The exciting cause may be due to debility following the eruptive diseases, colds, teething, etc., but perfectly healthy children have been attacked. While the characteristic paralysis usually manifests in 24 to 48 hours, it may take 4 to 5 days for its complete development.

While the disease is not necessarily fatal the outlook for complete recovery is bad, some muscles never regain their usefulness while some cases even result in severe deformities due to contraction of the opposing healthy muscles.

Acute cases are bedridden and require such treatment as will remove the inflammatory pressue in the spinal cord and much of the patient's future welfare depends upon how successful the treatment is; in the chronic cases much can be accomplished by the scientific use of electricity, massage, etc.

As to preventive measures, quarantine must be rigidly enforced and all sanitary measures observed. Don't growl if the Health Officer condemns your cesspool or plumbing and makes you clean up generally; instead, thank him, for perhaps saving you from severe illness, perhaps death.

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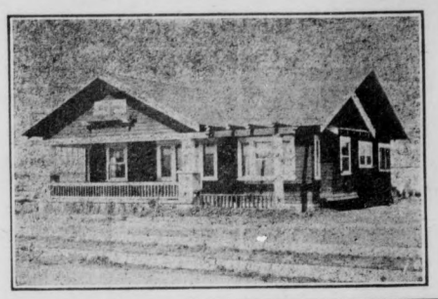
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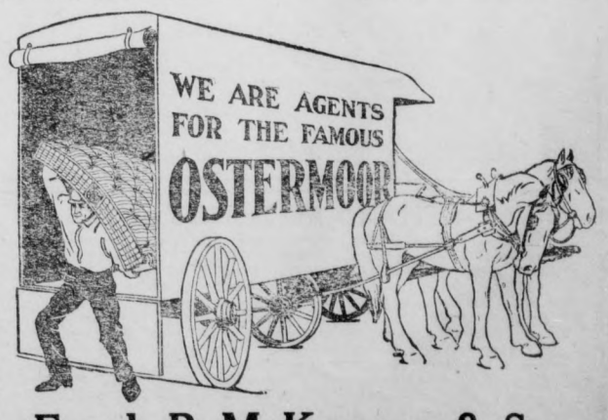
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RESOLUTION NO. 82.

A resolution of the Board of Trustees ordering certain street work to be done on a portion of MOORE AVENUE.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, do resolve as follows:

Section 1—That the street work herein described is required by the public interest and convenience, and the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, hereby orders the same to be done, according to the specifications and plans adopted for said work, and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets of said City, to-wit:

First: That all that portion of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton St. to the Easterly line of Glendale avenue, be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer, and specifications for the grading and oiling and tamping of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That a cement curb shall be constructed along each line of the roadway of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue, including returns at all street intersections, in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along both sides of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale, including returns at all street intersections, said sidewalks to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

Section 2—The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or over for the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual portion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

Section 3—The Tropico Interurban Sentinel, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Tropico, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this resolution and notice of said work inviting sealed proposals shall be published in the manner and form and by the persons required by law.

Section 4—The City Clerk of the City of Tropico is hereby directed to post conspicuously for five days, on or near the chamber door of the Board of Trustees, in the manner and form required by law, a notice, with specifications, inviting sealed proposals or bids for doing said work; and said City Clerk is hereby directed to publish for two days in said newspaper hereby designated as aforesaid, in the manner and in the form required by law, a notice of said work inviting sealed proposals or bids for doing said work, and referring to the specifications posted or on file. Said notice shall require a certified check or bond, either, as prescribed by law, and for an amount not less than ten per cent. of the aggregate of the proposal. Said City Clerk is also hereby directed to publish this resolution for two days in the manner required by law in said newspaper designated for that purpose, as aforesaid.

Adopted and approved this 18th day of July, 1912.

C. A. BANCROFT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.
(Seal)

Attest: S. M. STREET, City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

State of California, City of Tropico, ss.

I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of Tropico, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, and signed by the President of said Board at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 18th day of July, 1912, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver and Webster.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

NOTICE INVITING STREET WORK PROPOSALS.

Pursuant to Statutes, and to Resolution No. 82 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted the 18th day of July, 1912, directing this notice, the undersigned invites, and will receive at his office in the City Hall, in the Bank of Tropico building, located at the junction of Central avenue and San Fernando road in the City of Tropico, up to 7:00 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, August 1, 1912, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done according to the plans and specifications posted and on file therefor adopted or herein mentioned, to-wit:

First: That all that portion of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue, be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer, and specifications for the grading and oiling and tamping of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That a cement curb shall be constructed along each line of the roadway of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue, including returns at all street intersections, in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along both sides of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale, including returns at all street intersections, said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being number 1.

Bidders must file with each proposal or bid a check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten per cent. of the aggregate of the proposal, or a bond for the said amount, and so payable, signed by the bidder and two sureties who shall justify before any officer competent to administer oaths, for double the said amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions. In bidding, use blanks which will be furnished by the City Clerk upon application.

Tropico, California, July 23, 1912.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees, of the City of Tropico, California.

RESOLUTION NO. 83.

A resolution of the Board of Trustees Ordering Certain street work to be done on a portion of BRAND BOULEVARD.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico do resolve as follows:

Section 1—That the street work herein described is required by the public interest and convenience, and the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, hereby orders the same to be done, according to the specifications and plans adopted for said work, and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets of said City, to-wit:

First: That those portions of the east roadway and of the west roadways of Brand boulevard, as said roadways are defined in paragraph second hereof, between the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico and the north line of Park avenue, including all intersections of streets (excepting such portion of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon) be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue, a cement curb shall be constructed along the east side of the east roadway of said Brand boulevard, (including returns at all street intersections), 12 feet from the easterly line of Brand boulevard (excepting along that portion of the east line of the east roadway along which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade) and that from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue a cement curb shall be constructed along the west side of the west roadway of said Brand boulevard (including returns at all street intersections) 12 feet from the west line of said Brand boulevard, (excepting along that portion of the west line of the west roadway along which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade.)

The term "East Roadway" herein mentioned refers to that portion of Brand boulevard lying between the east line of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway and the east line of Brand boulevard.

The term "West Roadway" herein mentioned refers to that portion of Brand boulevard lying between the west line of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban Railway and the west line of Brand boulevard.

Third: That a cement curb be constructed upon said Brand boulevard along both sides of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway, and to be located twenty-one (21) feet from and parallel with the center line of said right-of-way. Said above mentioned cement curbs shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Fourth: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the west line of Brand boulevard from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue (excepting along such portions of said Brand boulevard upon which a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), and that a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width be constructed along the east line of Brand boulevard from the North City boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue (excepting along such portions of said Brand boulevard upon which a cement sidewalk four (4) feet or more in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

Section 2—The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or over fo rthe cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum theerof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled: "An act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

Section 3—The Tropico Interurban Sentinel, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Tropico, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this resolution and notice of said work inviting sealed proposals shall be published in the manner and form and by the persons required by law.

Section 4—The City Clerk of the City of Tropico is hereby directed to post conspicuously for five days, on or near the chamber door of the Board of Trustees, in the manner and form required by law, a notice, with specifications, inviting sealed proposals or bids for doing said work; and said City Clerk is hereby directed to publish for two days in said newspaper hereby designated as aforesaid, in the manner and in the form required by law, a notice of said work inviting sealed proposals or bids for doing said work, and referring to the specifications posted or on file. Said notice shall require a certified check or bond, either, as prescribed by law, and for an amount not less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposal. Said City Clerk is also hereby directed to publish this resolution for two days in the manner required by law in said newspaper designated for that purpose, as aforesaid.

Adopted and approved this 18th day of July, 1912.

C. A. BANCROFT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.
(Seal)

Attest: S. M. STREET, City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

State of California, City of Tropico, ss.

I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of Tropico, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, and signed by the President of said Board at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 18th day of July, 1912, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver and Webster.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

NOTICE TO ALL BOYS

Who are interested in the Boy Scouts of America: The Tropico M. E. Boy Scouts met at the headquarters and decided to change their constitution so that any boy of Tropico who goes to some Sunday School, no matter where, can join the Boy Scouts. There will be different encampments every little while. All the boys will enjoy these outings. It will teach them of nature and woodcraft.

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M. F. BENNER,
Secretary.

PATENTS GRANTED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS

Hazzard & Strausse, the pioneer patent agency of Los Angeles, California report the following patents granted to inventors of Southern California for the week ending July 9, 1912.

Robert T. Ainslie, Los Angeles, lock nut and bolt; William N. M. Anderson, Los Angeles, gaff or grappling hook; Junius A. Bowden, Los Angeles tire; Theodore Entman, Los Angeles, swivel pan- joint; Theodore Entman, Los Angeles, concrete delivery apparatus; Theodore Entman, Los Angeles, metal window sash; Frederick Grundy, Los Angeles, expression controller for musical instruments; Uri Haskins, Ontario, shaft coupling; Jefferson Kindleberger, San Diego, assignor of two-thirds to Bowman and Rodabaugh, wave motor; Walter J. Miller, Los Angeles, assignor of one-fourth to J. R. French and one-fourth to J. Michelson, sanitary vacuum beermug; Jacob Nyswander, Puente, wave motor; Scott A. Palmer, San Diego, sign flasher; William G. Roome, Los Angeles, assignor to the Union Switch and Signal Co., railway block system; Thomas E. Stockford, et al, San Leandro, assignor of one-fourth to C. W. Blevin, one-fourth to H. H. Retter, and one-fourth to C. T. Stockford, nut lock; Alfred C. Stewart, Los Angeles carburetor.

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QUOTATIONS ON PRODUCE ARE FALSE

Prices of onions and potatoes and incidentally the high cost of living was injected into one of the sessions of the council sitting as a board of equalization, when Weyl, Zuckerman & Co., protested against an assessment of $41,660 on a quantity of produce held in cold storage on Mar. 1.

The protestant asked that the assessment be reduced to $32,470 and after hearing the testimony, the council authorized a reduction on the basis of a certain amount on each hundredweight of onions and potatoes, which amounted to granting the request of the produce firm.

Walter Mallard, city assessor, based his assessment largely on newspaper quotations, which are obtained from the Los Angeles Produce exchance. M. Zuckerman, who represented the protesting firm, declared the daily newspaper quotations were absolutely fictitious and were given out for the purpose of inducing the farmers to dispose of their crops at the lowest possible price.

J. B. Jacobs, president of the exchange was called as a witness and admitted that the quotations given out to the newspapers were about 20 per cent. higher than the prices actually obtained.

"The prices quoted in the newspapers are the prices the wholesalers ought to get," he explained, "but are higher than the prices actually paid for the produce."

Councilman Andrews thought the operations of the jobbers and retail dealers had considerable to do with the high cost of living and proceeded to question the witness with the idea of obtaining more information, but was cut short by the chairman.

GIVES HIS PLAN FOR AN IDEAL CITY CLUB

"An ideal city club should refrain from participating in the nomination or election of any candidate to any office," declared Robert S. Binkerd in an address last Saturday before the Los Angeles City club.

Binkerd is secretary of the New York City club and discussed "The Ideal City Club."

He mentioned two distinct types of city clubs as typified by the one in New York city, which was organized by the so-called reformers opposed to Tammany Hall, and the one in Boston, which sought to bring together on a common ground those individuals of different religious and political beliefs. Between these two, the speaker mentioned the organization in Chicago as approaching the nearest to an ideal.

He would have the ideal city club act as a sort of clearing house for people and an organization to present a composite and definite policy or line of action to be followed.

PLAN BIG SEWER.

Corporation Seeks Right-of-Way For Storm Drain.

Negotiations with officials of the Los Angeles Investment company and owners of the Baldwin ranch located southwest of the city, respecting a right-of-way for a storm drain through that property to be used later as a big outfall for the contemplated system to cover the entire city, has resulted in a tentative proposal on the part of the owners to deed the right-of-way in consideration of the right to connect some of the property outside the city with the sanitary outfall sewer.

If the city will permit the draining of this property into the main outfall, the investment company will give the city a strip of land 30 feet wide and 2.7 miles long for the right-of-way and will construct an earth drainage ditch and maintain it for five years.

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THE WAY OF A MAN

By EMERSON HOUGH

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"Will you promise me to do one thing you have already promised to do?"

"Orme, I am in no mood to sit here and gossip like an old woman."

"Oh, don't act ugly. You're done out of it all around, in any case. Belknap, it seems, was to beat both you and me. Then why should not you and I try to forget? But now as to this little promise. I was only going to ask you to do as much as Belknap, or less."

"Very well, then."

"I want you to promise to marry Grace Sheraton."

I laughed in his face. "I thought you knew me better than that, Orme. I'll attend to my own matters for myself. I shall not even ask you why you want so puerile a promise. I am much of a mind to shoot you. Tell, me, who are you, and what are you, and what are you doing in this country?"

"Do you really want to know?" he smiled.

"Assuredly I do. I demand it."

"I believe I will tell you, then," he said quietly. He mused for a time before he raised his head and went on.

"I am Charles Gordon Orme, marquis of Bute and Rayne. Once I lived in England. For good reasons I have since lived elsewhere. I am what is known as a black sheep—a very, very black one."

"Yes, you are a retrograde, a renegade, a blackguard and a murderer," I said to him calmly.

"All of those things and much more," he admitted cheerfully and calmly. "I am two persons or more than two. I can't in the least make all this plain to you in your grade of intelligence. Perhaps you have heard of exchangeable personalities?"

"I have heard of double personalities and double lives," I said, "but I have never admired them."

"We will waive your admiration. Let me say that I can exchange my personality. The Jews used to say that men of certain mentality were possessed of a devil. I only say that I was a student in India. One phrase is good as another. The Swami Hamadata was my teacher. I am a raja yogi. I have taken the eight mystic steps. For years even here in this country I have kept up the sacred exercises of breath, of posture, of thought."

"All that means nothing to me," I said.

"No; it means nothing for me to tell you that I have learned Yama, Niyama, Asana, Pranayama, Pratyahara, Dharana, Dyhana and Samadhi. Yes, I was something of an adept once. I learned calm, meditation, contemplation, introspection, superconscious reasoning—how to cast my own mind to a distance, how to bring other minds close up to me. But"—he smiled with all his old mockery—"mostly I failed on Pratyahara, which says the senses must be quelled, subdued and set aside. All religions are alike to me, but they must not intrude on my own religion. I'd liefer die than not enjoy. My religion, I say, is to play the great games—to adventure and above all to enjoy. That is why I am in this country, also why I am in these grounds tonight."

"You are playing some deeper game than I know?"

"I always am. How could you be expected to understand what it took me years to learn? But I suppose in your case you need a few practical and concrete proofs. Let me show you a few things. Here, put your hand on my heart."

I obeyed. "You feel it beat?" he said. "Now it stops beating, does it not?" And as I live, it had stopped!

"Feel on the opposite side," he commanded. I did so, and there was his heart, clear across his body, and beating as before! "Now I shall stop it again," he remarked, calmly. And I swear it did stop, and resumed when he liked!

"Put your hand upon my abdomen," he said. I did so. All at once his body seemed thin and empty, as a spent cocoon.

"I draw all the organs into the thorax," he explained. "When one has studied under the Swami, as I have, he gains control over all his different muscles, voluntary and involuntary. He can, to a great extent, cut off or increase the nerve force in any muscle. Simple tricks in magic become easy to him. He gains, as you may suppose, a certain influence over men, and more especially over women, if that be a part of his religion. It was not with the Swami. It is with me!"

"You are a strange man, Orme," I said, drawing a long breath, "the most dangerous man, the most singular, the most immoral I ever knew."

"No," he said, reaching for his cigar case, "I was only born without what you call morals. They are not necessary in abstruse thought. Yet in some ways I retain the old influences of my own country. For instance, I lie as readily as I speak the truth, because it is more convenient; but though I am a liar, I do not break my word of honor. I am a renegade, but I am still an English officer! You have caught that distinction."

"Yes, I would trust you," I said, "if you gave me your word of honor."

He turned full upon me. "By Jove, old chap," he said, with a queer note in his voice, "you touch me awfully close. You're like men of my own family—you stir something in me that I used to know. The word of a fighting man—that's the same for yours and mine, and that's why I've always admired you. That's the sort of man that wins with the best sort of women."

"You were not worth the best sort of woman," I said to him. "You had no chance with Ellen Meriwether."

"No, but at least every fellow is worth his own fight with himself. I wanted to be a gentleman once more. Oh, a man may mate with a woman of any color. He does all over the world. He may find a mistress in any nationality of his own color or a wife in any class similar to his own. He does all over the world. But a sweetheart and a wife and a woman—when a fellow even like myself finds himself honestly gone like that—when he begins to fight inside himself, old India against old England, renegade against gentleman—I say that's awfully bitter—when he sees the other fellow win. You won"—

"No," said I, "I did not win. You know that perfectly well. There is no way in the world that I can win. All I can do is to keep parole—well, with myself, I suppose."

"You touch me awfully close," he mused again. "You play big and fair. You're a fighting man and a gentleman and—excuse me, but it's true—an awful ass all in one. You're such an ass I almost hesitate to play the game with you."

"Thank you," said I. "But now take a very stupid fellow's advice. Leave this country and don't be seen about here again, for if so you will be killed."

"Precisely," he admitted. "In fact, I was just intending to arrange a permanent departure. That was why I was asking you to promise me to—in short, to keep your own promise. There's going to be war next spring. The dreams of this strange new man Lincoln, out in the west, are going to come true. There will be catastrophies here. That is why I am here. War, one of the greatest games, is something that one must sometimes cross the globe to play. I will be here to have a hand in this one."

"You have had much of a hand in it already," I hazarded. He smiled frankly.

"Yes," he said, "one must live. I admit I have been what you call a secret agent. There is much money behind me, big politics, big commercial interests. I love the big games, and my game and my task, my duty to my masters, has been to split this country along a clean line from east to west, from ocean to ocean, to make two countries of it. You will see that happen, my friend."

"No one will ever see it happen," I said to him soberly.

"Under which flag, then, for you?" he asked quickly.

"The flag you saw on the frontier, Orme," I answered him. "That is the flag of America and will be. The frontier is free. It will make America free forever."

"Oh, well," he said, "the argument will be obvious enough by next spring—in April, I should guess. And whatever you or I may think the game will be big, very big—the biggest until you have your real war between black and white and your yet bigger one between yellow and white. I imagine old England will be in that with you or with one of you if you make two countries here. But I may be a wandering Jew on some other planet before that time."

He sat for a time, his chin dropped on his breast. Finally he reached me his hand.

"Let me go," he said. "I promise you to leave."

"To leave the state?"

"No, I will not promise that."

"To leave the county?"

"Yes, unless war should bring me here in the course of my duty. But I will promise to leave this town, this residence, this girl—in short, I must do that. And you are such an ass that I was going to ask you to promise to keep your promise—up there." He motioned toward the window where the light lately had been.

"You do not ask that now?" I queried.

"You are a fighting man," he said suddenly. "Let all these questions answer themselves when their time comes. After all, I suppose a woman is a woman in the greatest of the games, and one takes one's chances. Suppose we leave the debt unsettled until we meet some time? You know, you may be claiming debt of me."

"Will you be ready?" I asked him.

"Always. You know that. Now, may I go? Is my parole ended?"

"It ends at the gate," I said to him and handed him his pistol. The knife I retained, forgetfully, but when I turned to offer it to him he was gone.

CHAPTER XXI.

A Confusion In Covenants.

DURING the next morning Harry Sheraton galloped down to the village after the morning's mail. On his return he handed me two letters. One was from Captain Matthew Stevenson, dated at Fort Henry, and informed me that he had been transferred to the east from Jefferson Barracks, in company with other officers. He hinted at many changes in the disposition of the army of late. His present purpose in writing, as he explained, was to promise us that, in case he came our way he would certainly look us up.

This letter I put aside quickly, for the other seemed to me to have a more immediate importance. I glanced it over and found occasion to request a word or so with Colonel Sheraton. We withdrew to his library, and then I handed him the letter.

"This," I explained, "is from Jennings & Jennings, my father's agents at Huntington, on whose advice he went into his coal speculations."

"I see. Their advice seems to have been rather disastrous."

"At first it seemed so," I answered, "but now they advise me by no means to allow foreclosure to be completed if it can be avoided. The lands are worth many times the price paid for them."

"I see. And they have some sort of an offer as well, eh?"

"A half loaf is better than no bread," I assented. "I think I ought to go out there and examine all this in detail."

"But one thing I don't understand about this," began Colonel Sheraton, "your father's partner, Colonel Meriwether, was on joint paper with him. What did he say to you when you saw him?"

"Nothing," I replied. "We did not discuss the matter."

"What? That was the sole reason why you went out to see him!"

"Other matters came up," said I. "This was not brought up at all between us."

Colonel Sheraton looked at me keenly. "I must admit, Mr. Cowles," said he, slowly weighing his words, that of late certain things have seemed more than a little strange to me. If you will allow me so to express myself, there is in my own house since you came a sort of atmosphere of indefiniteness. Now, why was it you did not take up these matters with Colonel Meriwether? Certainly they were important to you, and under the circumstances they have a certain interest to myself. What are you trying to cover up?"

"Nothing from you of a business nature, sir, and nothing from Miss Grace of any nature which I think she ought to know."

He turned on me swiftly. "Young man, what do you propose to do in regard to my daughter? I confess I have contemplated certain plans in your benefit. I feel it is time to mention these matters with you."

"It is time," I answered. "But, if you please, it seems to me Miss Grace and I should first take them up together. Has she spoken to you in any



"Going away again?" she looked up at me startled.

way that might lead you to think she would prefer our engagement to be broken?"

"No, sir. There has only been a vagueness and indefiniteness which I did not like."

"Had my affairs not mended, Colonel Sheraton, I could not have blamed any of you for breaking the engagement. If conditions prove to be practically the same now as then it is she who must decide her course and mine."

"That is perfectly honorable. I have no criticism to offer. I have only her happiness at heart."

"Then, if you please, sir, since I am rather awkwardly situated here, I should like very much to see Miss Grace this morning."

He bowed in his lofty way and left me. Within a half hour a servant brought me word that Miss Grace would see me in the drawing room.

She was seated in a wide, low chair near the sunny window, half hid by the leafy plants that grew in the boxes there. She was clad in loose morning wear over ample crinoline, her dark hair drawn in broad bands over the temples, half confined by a broad gold comb, save two long curls which hung down her neck at either side. It seemed to me she was very thin—thinner and darker than ever. she held out her hand to me, and it lay cold and lifeless in my own.

"Perhaps I have been a little hurried after all in classing myself as an absolute pauper," I explained as she read my letter. "I must go out there and look into these things."

"Going away again?" She looked up at me, startled.

"For a couple of weeks. And when I come back, Miss Grace"—

So now I was up to the verge of that same old, definite question.

She sat up in the chair as though pulling herself together in some sudden resolve and looked me straight in the face.

"Jack," she said, "why should we wait?"

"To be sure," said I; "only I do not want you to marry a pauper if any act of my own can make him better than a pauper in the meantime."

"You temporize," she said bitterly. "You are not glad. Yet you came to me only last spring, and you"—

"I come to you now, Miss Grace," I said.

"Ah, what a difference between then and now!" she sighed.

For a time we could find nothing fit to say. At last I was forced to bring up one thing I did not like to mention.

"Miss Grace," said I, seating myself beside her, "last night, or, rather, this morning after midnight, I found a man prowling around in the yard."

She sprang up as though shocked, her face gray, her eyes full of terror.

"You have told!" she exclaimed. "My father knows that Captain Orme"—

It was my own turn to feel surprise, which perhaps I showed.

"I have told no one. It seemed to me that first I ought to come to you and ask you about this. Why was Orme there?"

She stared at me. "He told me he would come back some time," she admitted at length. All the while she was fighting with herself, striving, exactly as Orme had done, to husband her powers for an impending struggle. "You see," she added, "he has secret business all over the country. I will own I believe him to be in the secret service of the inner circle of a number of southern congressmen and business men. He is in with the southern circle—of New Orleans, of Charleston—Washington. For this reason he could not always choose his hours of going and coming."

"Does your father know of his peculiar hours?"

"I presume so, of course."

"I saw a light at a window," I began, "whose window I do not know, doubtless some servant's. It could not have been a signal?"

"A signal? What do you mean? Do you suspect me of putting out a beacon light for a cheap night adventure with some man? Do you expect me to tolerate that sort of thing from you?"

"I ask you to tolerate nothing," I said. "I am not in the habit of suspecting ladies. But I ask you if you can explain the light on that side of the house."

"Jack," she said, flinging out her hand, "forgive me. I admit that Captain Orme and I carried on a bit of a flirtation after he came back—after he had told me about you. But why should that—why, he did not know you were here."

"No," said I dryly, "I don't think he did. I am glad to know that you found something to amuse you in my absence."

"Let us not speak of amusements in the absence of each other," she said bitterly. "Think of your own. But when you came back it was all as it was last spring. I could love no other man but you, Jack. After all, if we are quits, let us stay quits and forgive and forget. Let us forget, Jack."

I sat looking at her as she turned to me, pleading, imploring in her face, her gesture.

"Jack," she went on, "a woman needs some one to take care of her, to love her. I want you to take care of me. You wouldn't throw me over for just a little thing, when all the time you yourself"—

"The light shone for miles across the valley," said I.

"Precisely, and that was how he happened to come up, I do not doubt. He thought we were still up about the place. My father has always told him to make this his home and not to go to the tavern. They are friends politically, in many ways, as you know."

"The light then was that of some servant?"

"Certainly it was. I know nothing of it. It was an accident, and yet you blame me as though—why, it was all accident that you met Captain Orme. Tell me, Jack, did you quarrel? What did he tell you?"

"Many things. He is no fit man for you to know nor for any woman."

"Do I not know that? I will never see him again."

"No; he will never come back here again; that is fairly sure. He has promised that, and he asked me to promise one thing, by the way."

"What was that?"

"To keep my promise with you. He asked me to marry you. Why?"

Infinite wit of woman! What chance have we men against such weapons? It was coquetry she forced to her face and nothing else when she answered: "So, then, he was hard hit, after all! I did not know that. How tender of him to wish me married to another than himself! The conceit of you men is something wondrous."

"Mr. Orme was so kind as to inform me that I was a gentleman and likewise a very great ass."

"Did you promise him to keep your promise, Jack?" She put both her hands on mine as it lay on the chair arm. Her eyes looked into mine straight and full. It would have taken more imagination than mine to suspect the slightest flickering in their lids. "Jack," she murmured over and over again, "I love you. I have never loved any other man."

"So now," I resumed, "I have come to you to tell you of all these things and to decide definitely and finally in regard to our next plans."

"But you believe me, Jack? You do promise to keep your promise? You do love me?"

"I doubt no woman whom I wed," I answered. "I shall be gone for two or three weeks. I shall come back, Miss Grace, and I shall ask your answer."

"Jack, I'm sure of that," she murmured. "It is a grand thing for a woman to have the promise of a man who knows what a promise is."

I winced at this, as I had winced a thousand times at similar thrusts unconsciously delivered by so many. "No," said I, "I think Orme is right. I am only a very stupid ass."

She reached out her hand. I felt her fingers close cold and hard on mine, as though loth to let me go. I kissed her fingers and withdrew, myself at least very glad to be away.

I retired to my room to arrange my portmanteaus for an early journey. And there, filling up one-half of the greater valise, was a roll of hide, ragged about its edge. I drew it out and spread it flat upon the bed before me, whitened and roughened with bone, reddened with blood, written on with rude stylus, bearing certain words which all the time, day and night, rang, yes, and sang, in my brain.

"I, John Cowles—I, Ellen Meriwether—take thee for better, for worse—till death"—I saw her name—E-l-l-e-n.

Presently once more I departed. My mother also ended her visit at Dixlana, preferring to return to the quiet of her two little whitewashed rooms and the old fireplace and the sooty pothooks which our people's slaves had used for two generations in the past. As to what I learned at Huntington I need say no more than that I began to see fully verified my father's daring and his foresight. The matter of the coal land speculation was proved perfectly feasible.

All the details of surveying and locating lands, of measuring shafts and drifts and estimating cubic yards in coal and determining the status of tenures and fees, had occupied me longer than I had anticipated. I had been gone two days beyond a month when I pulled up at Wallingford.

As I approached the little tavern I heard much laughing, talking, footfalls, hurrying, as men came or went on one errand or another. A large party had evidently arrived on a conveyance earlier than my own. I leaned against the front rail of the tavern gallery and waited for some stable boy to come. I found my eyes resting upon a long figure at the farther end of the gallery, sitting in the shade of the steep hill which came down almost sharp as a house roof back of the tavern and so cut off the evening sun. It was apparently a woman, tall and thin, clad in a loose, stayless gown, her face hid in an extraordinarily long green sunbonnet. There was no one in all the world who could counterfeit Mandy McGovern.

Mandy's pipe well nigh fell from her lips. "Well, well, well! If it ain't you, son!" she exclaimed.

"Aunt Mandy," I interrupted. "Tell me, what in the world are you doing here?"

"Why, me and the folks just come down to look around. Her and her pa was comin', and I come too!"

"Who came with you, Aunt Mandy?"

"Still askin' fool questions, like you didn't know! Why, you know who it was. The colonel's ordered to jine his rigiment at Fort Henry. Gal come along o' him o' course. I come along with the gal o' course. My boy and my husband come along with me o' course."

"Your son, Andrew Jackson?"

"Uh-huh. He's somewheres 'round, I reckon. I see him lickin' a nigger a few minutes ago. Say, that boy's come out to be the fightenest feller I ever did see. Him allowin' he got that there Injun day we had the fight down on the Platte, it just made a new man out'n him. My man and me seen there was a good openin' there on the trail this side o' the south fork, and we set up a hotel in a dugout."

"But I don't quite understand about the man—your husband"—

"Yep, my lastest one. Didn't you know I married ole man Auberry? He's round here somewheres, lookin' fer a drink o' licker, I reckon."

"I hadn't heard of this last marriage of yours, Aunt Mandy," I ventured.

"Me and him hooked up right soon after you and the gal got lost."

"Where is Colonel Meriwether?" I asked her at last.

"Inside," she motioned with her pipe. "Him and the gal too. But, say, who's that a-comin' down the street there in that little sawed off wagon?"

I looked. It was my fiancee, Grace Sheraton. By her side was my friend, Captain Stevenson, and at the other end of the seat was a fluttering and animated figure that could be no one else but Kitty.

Kitty seemed first to spy me and greeted me with an enthusiastic waving of her gloves, parasol, veil and handkerchief, all held confusedly, after her fashion, in one hand. "P-r-r-r-t!" she trilled, schoolgirl-like, to attract my attention meanwhile. "Howdy, you man! If it isn't John Cowles, I'm a sinner! Matt, look at him. Isn't he old and sour and solemn?"

"You sent me no word," began Grace hurriedly. "I was not expecting you today, but you have been gone more than two weeks longer than you said you would be."

Stevenson had run on into the tavern after his first greeting to me, and presently I heard his voice raised in surprise and Kitty's excited chatter. I heard Colonel Meriwether's voice answering. I heard another voice.

"Who is in there?" asked Grace Sheraton of me curiously. I looked her slowly and fully in the face.

"It is Colonel Meriwether," I answered. "He has come on unexpectedly from the west. His daughter is there also, I think. I have not yet seen her."

"That woman!" breathed Grace Sheraton, sinking back upon her seat. Her eye glittered as she turned to me. "Oh, I see it all now! You have been with them! You have met her again! My God, I could kill you both—I could—I say I could!"

CHAPTER XXII.

Ellen or Grace.

"I HAVE never met any of the Meriwethers," said Grace Sheraton. "Will you gentlemen present me?"

I had assisted her to alight, and at that time a servant came and stood at the horse's head. Stevenson stepped back to the door, not having as yet mentioned my presence there. There came out upon the gallery as he entered that other whose presence I had for some moments known, whom I knew within the moment I must meet—Ellen!

Her eyes fell upon me. She stepped back with faint exclamation, leaning against the wall, her hands at her cheeks as she stared. I do not know after that who or what our spectators were. I presume Stevenson went on into the house to talk with Colonel Meriwether, whom I did not see at all at that time.

(Continued next week)

His Point of View.

Mother (to Willy, who has been in mischief)—You ought to be ashamed of yourself!

Willy—Well, I won't do it again, but being ashamed won't do any good.—Fliegende Blatter.

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JUDGE WORKS EXPLAINS

The position of Senator Works in the matter of political party complications is best explained in the following telegram from him made public yesterday:

"Will not vote for Taft. Would have voted for and aided in election of Roosevelt if he had stood on his just right to nomination at Chicago and run as republican. Will not follow him into the new party. Believe the new party abandons ground as above that would make his claim invulnerable. Do not believe in the new party now or under the existing circumstances. Believe it will result in complication disastrous to Progressive cause. Whether I vote for Roosevelt depends now upon how he is nominated and whether he runs as republican or not. Have not determined whether will vote for Wilson or not, if I cannot conscientiously vote for Roosevelt. Feel I can, as a Progressive republican, vote for Wilson consistently if no republican other than Taft is a candidate.

"(Signed) JOHN D. WORKS."

PROHIBITION CONVENTION

The Prohibitionists of Los Angeles County will hold a Mass Convention at the W. C. T. U. Temperance Temple, corner Temple street and Broadway, Los Angeles, on Monday afternoon, July 29th, to convene promptly at 1 o'clock.

Nominees will be selected for members of congress, supervisors, state senators and assemblymen, to be placed on the ballot by petition.

Dr. Sam Small will give one of his inspiring addresses and Emory D. Martindale will speak on "Suggestions for Precinct Organization."

Now is the time to organize your community, and the county officers will co-operate and assist with poll lists, printed matter, speakers and nominating blanks. Cities and towns outside of Los Angeles city can procure a list of their registered prohibition voters from the 1912 Great Register upon application to the undersigned.

We have several open dates for Dr. Sam Small, who is the most effective speaker we have ever had on the coast.

Don't forget Tillman Hobson is coming to your town with the Big Tent. Arrange for dates. Something doing every hour until election.

Yours for action,
CHARLES R. BURGER,
County Chairman.
GABRELLA T. STICKNEY, County Secretary, 65 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena.

The next K. of P. dance will be Thursday evening, August 1, 1912, on the swell floor of the K. of P. hall. Good music and a good time; 75 cents a couple.

SENATOR WORKS IN THE RIGHT

On their way to the National Republican Convention at Chicago the cry of our California Progressive Republican delegates was "Roosevelt or bust"; on their return home it was "Roosevelt and bust."

There was much in their treatment at Chicago to justify the resentment the progressives of the national republican party were and have been there and everywhere free to proclaim. There was more, in fact, to justify them in bolting the convention. But they did not bolt the convention. They sat it out and in so doing condoned a grievous wrong.

That they are as hopelessly divided from the element that dominated the convention as if they had bolted it, and split the old party in twain, is true. But it is not true that they have separated themselves from the national party organization. They are just as much a part of that organization now as they ever were.

It is the right and the duty of the people to revolutionize their political organization whenever circumstances exist to justify such a course. The existence of such circumstances was unquestionably developed at Chicago. But our delegates there allowed them to prevail and condoned the wrong of them, contenting themselves with the silly performance of going upon record as "present, but not voting."

At the conference of progressive leaders following the convention it was agreed in substance to refer the matters in controversy back to the people whose representatives they were, with the recommendation that they proceed to the organization of a new party. In doing this they were well within their rights and privileges. But thus far we have seen nothing to indicate that the recommendation has been honored with the slightest heed. No rampant movement on the part of the people for a new party is perceptible. There are symptoms of an attempt, however, to transfer the California (Progressive) Republican organization to the proposed new party organization by party machine methods in the hands of would be bosses and without the faintest semblance of the courtesy of a "by your leave" to the voters who compose it.

We agree with Senator John D. Works in the opinion that this order of proceeding is not only unwise and dangerous politics, but dishonest politics.

The republican party of the State has a legal right to a republican electoral ticket, and it is the moral as well as legal duty of the republican organization of the State to select it. With the personnel of the ticket only have the republican electors aught to do. Whoever are chosen to seats in the electoral college will be governed in the discharge of their duties there by their obligations to obey and support the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of California.

We agree further with Senator Works that while the national republican party is certainly entitled by law and morals to an electoral ticket in every state in which the republican party has an organization, it is just as certain that the nomination at Chicago is not entitled in law or morals to the support of a single voter, republican or democrat, because of the patent illegality of it.

After the Chicago convention and before the nomination of Wilson, a progressive of his party, at Baltimore, which we did not anticipate, we felt that the time was at hand for a convention of the progressives of both parties and the organization of a new National Progressive Party, for the presentation of a candidate for the presidency of a purely progressive stripe. But Baltimore was unaccommodating. We cannot but concur with Senator Works, therefore, that the only wise and proper thing for all progressives now to do is to continue their fight for progressive policies inside the old Republican party in which they are slowly but surely becoming triumphant.

In this connection we cannot refrain from referring to the impudent call upon Senator Works by a certain "bunch" of FORTY PERSONS to resign to them his seat in the United States Senate.

Whom do they want it for, we wonder?

We beg to remind these forty worthies that there are many progressive republicans in California as well as elsewhere throughout the nation, and who were Roosevelt Republicans too, who are likely to agree precisely with Senator Works in all he says; and, inasmuch as many of the bunch are our personal friends for whom we have great personal respect, to remind them in all kindness, that if they persist in the "mad career" upon which they have so inconsiderately entered, as it seems to us, they are apt to fall by accidental coincidence into the category of those other forty worthies of whom alarming mention was made in the literature of our younger days.

We suggest that progressive republicans at the presidential election, when they come to presidential electors follow the example of their delegates to Chicago, and record themselves as "present, but not voting," unless there is yet a nation-wide movement for an honestly nominated republican candidate they can support and remain true to their party organization.

COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS

Propose Highway Construction Divisions With Highway Superintendent in Charge

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 17, 1912.—The regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of Los Angeles County was held last evening in the office of the Board of Supervisors.

The Law Committee submitted a report under date of July 16th, which was received and ordered filed.

Upon motion of Mr. Evans, Section Two of the Law Committee's report was adopted. Section Two reads as follows:

"2: We submit the following, being a slightly changed draft of provisions handed us by Mr. Evans, as a section or article for the partial carrying into effect of those provisions of the constitutional amendment concerning county charters which have to do with the construction, care and maintenance of county roads:

"Article ..... The Board of Supervisors may provide for the formation, within the county, of road districts for the care, maintenance, repair, inspection and supervision only of roads, highways and bridges; and for the formation, in the county, of highway construction divisions for the construction only of roads, highways and bridges; for the inclusion in any such district or division of the whole or any part of any incorporated city or town, upon ordinance passed by such incorporated city or town authorizing the same, and upon the assent to such inclusion by a majority of the qualified electors of such incorporated city or town, or portion thereof, proposed to be so included, at an election held for that purpose; for the organization, government, powers and jurisdiction of such districts and divisions, and for raising revenue therein for such purposes, by taxation, upon the assent of a majority of the qualified electors of such districts or divisions, voting at an election to be held for that purpose; for the incurring of indebtedness therefor by the county, districts or divisions for such purposes respectively, by the issuance and sale, by the county, of bonds of the county, district or division, and the expenditure of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds, and for levying and collecting taxes against the property of the county, districts or divisions, as the case may be, for the payment of the principal and interest of such indebtedness at maturity; provided, that any such indebtedness shall not be incurred without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified electors of the county, district or division, as the case may be, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, nor unless before or at the time of incurring such indebtedness provision shall be made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due, and also for a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof on or before maturity, which shall not exceed forty years from the time of contracting the same, and the procedure for voting, issuing and selling such bonds shall, except in so far as the same may hereafter be prescribed in this charter, conform to general laws for the authorizing and incurring by the county of bonded indebtedness, so far as applicable; provided, further, that the construction, care, maintenance, repair, inspection and supervision of roads, highways and bridges for which aid from the state is granted, shall be subject to such regulations and conditions as may be imposed by the legislature."

The special order, the report of the Committee on Roads and Highways, reading as follows, was then taken up:

TO THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Roads and Highways, after several conferences with Mr. F. H. Joyner, Highway Engineer, and citizens of the County, beg leave to recommend as follows:

That the County Highways shall be put in charge of a practical and experienced road engineer, to be called County Highway Superintendent, to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors at a salary of not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars per month and actual traveling expenses. He shall have charge of all construction and maintenance and all things pertaining thereto, and employ and be responsible for the faithful performance of all employees.

We further recommend that the County be divided into four highway districts, each district to have a District Highway Superintendent, whose salary shall be fixed by the Board of Supervisors. Respectfully submitted.
(Signed) H. C. HUBBARD, Chairman.
(Signed) GEO. F. KERNAGHAN.
(Signed) T. H. DUDLEY.

July 2, 1912.

A motion was carried that the words, "to be called County Highway Superintendent," be stricken out and in lieu thereof the following words inserted: "His title to be designated hereafter."

A motion was carried to strike out the last four lines of the committee report reading as follows:

"We would further recommend that the County be divided into four highway districts, each district to have a District Highway Superintendent, whose salary shall be fixed by the Board of Supervisors."

A motion was adopted to amend the report by striking out the words, "of not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars per month and actual traveling expenses," an inserting in lieu thereof the words, "to be fixed by the Board of Supervisors."

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Works, and on motion was referred to the joint committees on Roads and Highways and Officers Other Than Supervisors and made the special order of business for the next meeting:

"That the County Surveyor hereafter be known as the County Engineer and that, in addition to the powers now conferred upon him by law, he be charged with the duty of exercising and carrying out, under the supervision of the Board of Supervisors, all of the jurisdiction of the Board, under the charter in the matter of the construction, care, maintenance, repair, inspection and supervision of roads, highways and bridges, the County Engineer to have, under him and to appoint such road, highway and bridge experts as may be necessary."

The draft of a civil service chapter for the proposed county charter, submitted by Mr. Elliott H. Goodwin, Secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League, was referred to the Committee on Civil Service.

The Board adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

F. L. EDINBOROUGH,
Secretary.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

First Church of Christ, Scientist of Glendale, holds services in the Masonic Hall on Brand Blvd. Sunday 11 a. m., Wednesday, 8 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. of each week. 12t

NOTICE INVITING STREET WORK PROPOSALS.

Pursuant to Statutes, and to Resolution No. 83, of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted the 18th day of July, 1912, directing this notice, the undersigned invites, and will receive at his office in the City Hall, in the Bank of Tropico building, located at the junction of Central avenue and San Fernando road in the City of Tropico, up to 7 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, August 1st, 1912, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done according to the plans and specifications posted and on file therefor adopted, or herein mentioned, to-wit:

First: That those portions of the east roadway and of the west roadway of Brand boulevard, as said roadways are defined in paragraph second hereof, between the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico and the north line of Park avenue, including all intersections of streets (excepting such portion of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon) be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue, a cement curb shall be constructed along the east side of the east roadway of said Brand boulevard, (including returns at all street intersections), 12 feet from the easterly line of Brand boulevard (excepting along that portion of the east line of the east roadway along which a cement curb has already ben constructed to the official line and grade) and that from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue a cement curb shall be constructed along the west side of the west roadway of said Brand boulevard (including returns at all street intersections), 12 feet from the west line of said Brand boulevard, (excepting along that portion of the west line of the west roadway along which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade.)

The term "West Roadway" herein mentioned refers to that portion of Brand boulevard lying between the east line of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway, and the east line of Brand boulevard.

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Third: That a cement curb be constructed upon said Brand boulevard along both sides of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway, and to be located twenty-one (21) feet from and parallel with the center lineo f said right-of-way. Said above mentioned cement curbs shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico said specifications being numbered 2.

Fourth: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the west line of Brand boulevard from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue (excepting along such portions of said Brand boulevard upon which a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), and that a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width be constructed along the east line of Brand boulevard from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue (excepting along such portions of said Brand boulevard upon which a cement sidewalk four (4) feet or more in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

Bidders must file with each proposal or bid a check payable to the order of the President of the Board of the City of Tropico, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten per cent. of the aggregate of the proposal, or a bond for the said amount, and so payable, signed by the bidder and two sureties who shall justify before any officer competent to admisister oaths, for double the said amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions. In bidding use blanks which will be furnished by the City Clerk upon application.

Tropico, California, July 23, 1912.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees, of the City of Tropico, California.

NOTICE OF SALE OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH FRANCHISE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, for a Telephone and Telegraph franchise granting the right to construct and for a period of twenty-one (21) years to maintain and operate a Telephone and Telegraph system for commercial and other purposes along the streets, alleys, lanes, highways and other public places in the City of Tropico, County of Los Angeles, State of California, together with the appurtenant rights thereto, hereinafter mentioned; and that it is proposed by said Board of Trustees to offer for sale and grant to the highest bidder, said franchise, upon the following terms and conditions;

1. The grantee of said franchise, his or its successors or assigns, shall in good faith, within four months from the granting thereof, begin the work of erecting or laying telephone or telegraph wires and the erection, construction and extension of the equipment for the business to be conducted under said franchise; and shall, within three years thereafter complete the same, and all of the equipment of said system shall be built and constructed in a good and workmanlike manner and of good substantial material.

2. All poles shall be of such size, grade and material, and shall be so located and erected as to conform to the instructions and regulations of the Street Superintendent of said City of Tropico.

3. All wires and cross-arms extending over, or along any street, alley, lane, highway or public place shall be not less than twenty (20) feet above ground; and all of said wires and cross-arms used in said system shall be constructed, placed and maintained in conformity with the instructions and regulations of said Street Superintendent of the City of Tropico; and all telephone lines constructed or operated under said franchise shall have a full, metallic circuit. And all telephones supplied and furnished by any person, firm or corporation for use in telephoning by the City of Tropico or the inhabitants thereof shall be in such condition and so connected as that they shall transmit and receive words and sentences when spoken by human voice in ordinary clear tones in such a manner as that such words and sentences can be easily heard and distinguished at the receiving telephone.

4. All conduits shall be placed not less than two (2) feet undeg ground, shall be located and maintained so as not to interfere with the traveling public in the use of such streets, alleys, lanes, highways and other public places, nor prevent the proper authorities of said City from improving, repairing, altering, sewering or using the same for any other purpose; and all of said conduits shall be so located, constructed and maintained as to conform to the instructions, rules and regulations of said Street Superintendent of the City of Tropico; provided, however, that such telephone and telegraph system shall at all times be constructed, maintained and operated in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State of California.

5. In the event the said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall fail to comply with the instructions, laws and regulations of said Street Superintendent with respect to location, erection and maintenance of said poles, wires and conduits, within the time prescribed by said Street Superintendent, after the service of written notice so to do upon said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, or upon the local manager thereof, then said Street Superintendent may immediately cause said poles, wires and conduits to be made to conform to his instructions, rules and regulations, at the cost and expense of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, the said cost, together with the penality of twenty-five (25) per cent thereon, the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, do by the acceptance of this franchise agree to pay, upon demand, to the City of Tropico.

6. The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico shall expressly reserve the right to require said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to remove such poles, wires and other conductors from any portion or portions, of the business part of said City, and to place said wires in conduits, when in its judgment, the public welfare shall require the same; and such changes as shall be ordered under this paragraph shall be done by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, within such time as may be specified by said Board of Trustees.

7. The grantee of said franchise, his or its successors or assigns, shall, immediately after the commencement of the operation of the business thereunder, furnish to the City of Tropico not exceeding five (5) free telephones, to be installed at places designated by said Board of Trustees, and connected with the telephone system of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, and shall change the location of the same when required so to do by said Board of Trustees; and shall furnish, maintain and keep the same in good repair and working order during the term of said franchise without expense or charge to the City of Tropico; provided that said telephones for City use shall only be installed as the same are ordered by the Board of Trustees for the use of the officers of said City in the transaction of their official business.

8. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall, during the term of said franchise, furnish and grant to the City of Tropico the free use of the necessary pins on the top cross-arm of each of the poles erected, or the necessary space in the conduits, maintained under said franchise, for the purpose of stringing or carrying such wires as shall be needed for the use of said City for police or fire alarm purposes.

9. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall not, without the consent of the City of Tropico evidenced by Ordinance, sell, transfer, assign or lease said telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm system, or any part thereof, or any of the rights or privileges authorized or granted in said franchise; shall not at any time enter into any combination, directly or indirectly, with any person, firm or corporation, fixing the rate to be charged for telephone, telegraph, district messenger of burglar alarm service, and no officer, employee or manager of the telephone, telegraph, district messenger and burglar alarm system, authorized under this franchise, shall at the same time be in charge of, or in the employ of any other telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm system, operating in said City.

10. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, of said franchise, shall, during the life thereof, pay to the City of Tropico, in lawful money of the United States, two (2) per centum of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession thereof; and also including two (2) per centum of the gross annual receipts credited to the local exchange arising fom the furnishing of telephone service or from the making of telephone connections within the City of Tropico with any telephone outside of the City of Tropico; and this franchise being in lieu of a right, franchise or privilege now being used and exercised in said City of Tropico, the payment of said percentage shall commence with the granting of this franchise, and it shall be the duty of the grantee, his or its successors and assigns to file with the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, at the expiration of one year from the date of the granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, during the term thereof, a statement, verified by the oath of said grantee, or his successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager, or presiding officer of said grantee, its successors or assigns, showing the total gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of said franchise, during the year next preceding, and within thirty (30) days thereafter said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall pay to the City Treasurer of the City of Tropico such sum as may then be due by reason of said percentage; provided that any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to file said verified statement, or to pay said percentage at the time and in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall in itself work a forfeiture of said franchise and of all the rights of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, and said City of Tropico, through its proper officers, agents or special employees for that purpose, shall have the right to examine the books of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount that may be due said City on account of said franchise.

11. In said franchise the City of Tropico shall reserve the right to fix the rates to be charged for rental and other services rendered by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, under said franchise, and the same shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico.

12. Said franchise shall not be exclusive, but the rights and privileges, or any of them, may be granted by the City of Tropico, in part or in whole, to any other person, firm or corporation.

13. That each and all of the terms, conditions and provisions of the said franchise are to be kept and performed by said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, and shall be declared therein to be conditions precedent to the continuation of the rights and privileges therein granted by said City, and the failure by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to keep and perform any one of said terms, provisions or conditions, by it to be kept and performed as hereinbefore set forth, and a continuation of such failure after a notice of thirty (30) days, in writing, given to it by said City of Tropico, through its proper officers, shall ipso facto terminate said franchise, and the same, with all the rights and privileges therein granted, shall be forfeited and said franchise shall thereupon be null and void.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids in writing will be received at the office of said Board of Trustees for said franchise up to 7:30 o'clock P. M. on the 5th day of September, 1912.

That the bids received will be opened at that time; that all bids must be for the payment of a stated sum in gold coin of the United States; and that the franchise will be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, provided, only, that at the time of opening said bids, any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented, may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten per cent. above the highest sealed bid therefor, and that said bid so made may be raised not less than ten per cent. by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by said Board of Trustees to the highest bidder therefor in gold coin of the United States, and provided further that the Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Each sealed bid must be accompanied with cash, or a certified check, payable to the City Treasurer of said City, for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bid will be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith; and the successful bidder must deposit at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid with the Clerk of said City before said franchise will be struck off to him, and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately, his bid will not be received and will be considered as void and said franchise will then and there be offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure will be had until said franchise is struck off, sold and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid, as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the City Clerk within twenty-four hours after the acceptance of his bid the remaining ninety per cent. of the amount thereof, and in case he or it fails to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made will be forfeited, and the award of said franchise will be void, and said franchise will then and there, by said Board of Trustees, be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided and in case said bidder fails to deposit with the City Clerk the remaining ninety per cent. of his bid within twenty-four hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise will be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him will be forfeited and no further proceedings for the sale of said franchise will be had until the same shall be re-advertised for sale.

Notice is also hereby given that the successful bidder for said franchise must within five days after said franchise is awarded to him or it file with said Board of Trustees a bond running to said City in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by said Board of Trustees, conditioned that said bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. If said bond be not so filed, the award of said franchise will be set aside, and any money paid therefor will be forfeited.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

(SEAL) S. M. STREET.
City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, County of Los Angeles, California.

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